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Submitted herewith is a copy of the Notice of Ground of Rejection dated March 11, 2003 (and an English translation thereof) for Japanese Patent Application No. 10-034940, which is related to Japanese Patent Application No. 9-057684 from which the present application claims priority. The Notice cites the following Japanese Patent Publications:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. (A) 06-237328 (FUJI XEROX CO LTD), published August 23, 1994;
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. (A) 62-72267 (CANON INC), published April 2, 1987;
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. (A) 06-046177 (RICOH CO LTD), published February 18, 1994;
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. (A) 08-223326 (FUJI XEROX CO LTD), published August 30, 1996;
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. (A) 61-275832 (SHARP CORP), published December 5, 1986;
- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. (A) 06-191177 (RICOH CO LTD), published July 12, 1994;
- (7) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. (A) 07-303163 (FUJI XEROX CO LTD), published November 14, 1995;
- (8) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. (A) 02-146064 (MITA IND CO LTD), published June 5, 1990;
- (9) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. (A) 05-083440 (KONICA CORP), published April 2, 1993;

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- (10) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. (A) 07-273934 (CANON INC), published October 20, 1995;
- (11) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. (A) 08-062736 (CANON INC), published March 8, 1996;
- (12) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. (A) 08-258390 (TOHOKU RICOH CO LTD), published October 8, 1996;

Applicant wishes to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

- (13) Yoshiura et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,739,369, issued April 19, 1988;
- (14) Yoshizuka et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,970,549, issued November 13, 1990; and
- (15) Fujii et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,722,031, issued February 24, 1998.

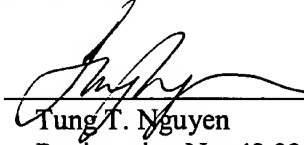
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